

*City of Grand Junction, State of Colorado*

# Proclamation


- Whereas,** the Peace Corps has become an enduring symbol of our nation's commitment to encourage progress, create opportunity, and expand development at the grass roots level in the developing world; and
- Whereas,** over 225,000 Americans have served as Peace Corps Volunteers and trainees in 140 host counties since 1961; and
- Whereas,** in 2016, 24,000 individuals volunteered for the Peace Corps and 3,800 were deployed; and
- Whereas,** Peace Corps Volunteers have made significant and lasting contributions around the world in agriculture, food security, business and civil society development, information technology, education, health and HIV/AIDS care and prevention, youth and community development, and the environment and have improved the lives of individuals and communities around the world; and
- Whereas,** Peace Corps Volunteers have strengthened the ties of friendship between the people of the United States and those of other countries, and they have been enriched by their experiences overseas, have brought their communities throughout the United States a deeper understanding of other cultures and traditions, thereby bringing a domestic dividend to our nation; and
- Whereas,** returning Peace Corps Volunteers nationwide are honoring the agency's anniversary by celebrating Peace Corps Week.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Barbara Traylor Smith, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim February 24 – March 2, 2019 as

## *"National Peace Corps Week"*

in the City of Grand Junction and urge all the citizens of the City to turn their attention to Commemorating President John F. Kennedy's establishment of the agency on March 1, 1961, and celebrate all the ways the Peace Corps makes a difference at home and abroad.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019.

  
*Barbara Traylor Smith*  
Mayor